Primordial Slime

Azoic Issue

The Evolution Newsletter. Issue 0, 4 April 1996 Ed. Bridget Wilkinson

First Ooze

Welcome to Primordial Slime, this is the pre-Con issue, available in the hotel and at the Wellington (provided photocopiers, God, and the like, allow).

This issue has been prepared before the convention without the banner heading, etc., and using a desk jet rather than a laser printer. However, the same Precambrian software will continue being used throughout the convention.

Our office is right in the middle of things (for a change), drop a note of any events, scandal, news, restaurants, etc. there. Alternatively, if you are feeling *really* perverse, send me an email at: bjw@cix.compulink.co.uk. (ed.)

Booze only?

In order to maximise sales of beer... er., no, I guess I'd better phrase this differently. Erm., there aren't any tea or coffee making facilities in the rooms in the Radisson Edwardian. **I repeat, there are NO tea or coffee making facilities in the hotel.** Bring your kettle with you (or one of those weird little kettle elements without a kettle, beloved of students, that have probably been banned as electrically unsafe by now...). If you are already reading this at the convention, rather than at the Wellington, persuade a London friend that their kettle would **love** an Easter weekend working holiday in Heathrow... (TPTB)*

No time for a costume?

Didn't have the time or knowledge to do a costume for Sunday's Masquerade? Come along for a general introduction to the **Chaos Costuming** workshops run by Jaine Weddell for those who prefer to leave it all to the last minute! This intro will take place in the Wentworth about an hour after the end of the Opening Ceremony.

Chaos Costuming will be run as a background activity in The Wentworth during Saturday and Sunday. We can provide materials, a dress dummy, sewing machine and space for you to use to put together something to wear at the Con, for Hall Costume or the Masquerade itself. To get the best pick of the raw materials we have on offer we suggest you turn up early! See you there. (Chaos Wkshp)

Video Programme

Yes, one bit's going already (well, nearly). Subject to Hotel Room/VCR availability, a video programme will be run by David Lally thus:

Friday 5th 00.01 hrs: **Worldcon 1995** TV programme by C4 and Scottish TV. This will be followed by an (some?) **X-Files** episode(s?) until 02.30 hrs. (D. Lally)

Eastercon Survey

Knowing a little more about the people who go to Eastercons would be very useful. Things like knowing what you like to drink, what you like to see, what attracts you, how computer and science literate you are, would make it possible for Eastercons to work towards becoming more involving, more fun for all involved.

With this in mind, a survey's been put together to ask just these sort of questions. It'll be in complete confidence of course. One of these surveys has been included in each registration pack, and we'd ask you to complete it and leave it back in the box at Registration or Ops. Not only do you get the hope of better Conventions in the future, but there's a more immediate reward too. As each survey is posted anonymously in the box we'll give you a raffle ticket. We've managed to acquire a very reasonable number of decent **prizes**, and the raffle will be drawn during the closing ceremony. (TPTB)

Electronic Wizardry

If you have Mapper 3a for the Psion pocket computer, included in the full release are a series of town plan. The one of Feltham is actually an area map of Heathrow, including all the main roads and, neatly marked with the building symbol, the **exact** location of the Radisson Edwardian hotel.

For the more technical among you, this information is held in the file Tp510173.mt1. If necessary we may be able to provide a copy of this file.

That's all for now. Thanks to Krystyna, Pat McMurray, Roger Robinson and David Lally for information.

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Eozoic Issue

For all you budding Eukaryotes out there...

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Bar Prices

Price per glass unless otherwise stated.

Spirits: Whisky £1.45, Malt Whisky £2.00, Bourbon £2.00, Gin £1.45, Vodka £1.45, Bacardi £1.45, Campari £1.45, Pernod £1.45, Liqueurs £1.50, Cognac XXX £1.85, Cognac VSOP £2.25.

Wine: RE white wine £2.00, £10.00/bottle; RE red wine £2.00, £10.00/bottle;RE house champagne £22.50/bottle

Beer etc.: Real Ale £1.80/pint, Real Cider £1.80/pint, Draught Lager £1.85/pint, Lager £1.50/bottle, Worthington £1.85, Guiness/Caphreys £2.50.

Soft drinks: Mixers £0.75, Orange juice £0.75, or £1.00/pint. Coke/Diet Coke £0.50, Tea £0.50, Coffee £0.50.

Evolving Video

Survival of the fittest, or how to take a shortcut through Evolution: there are two sets of lifts, and if you take the one clearly marked "Not this lift to video" you'll have to battle the maze by going the long way around over the fourth floor; taking the lifts past the shops and the pool entrance will bring you directly opposite the entrance to the video room and detailed video programme list.

There will be a summary of the video programme on the ground floor near registration, and as a true short short summary we can mention here that the anime videos are scheduled for tomorrow. Dave Lally is also proud to announce a video premiere: Saturday at 22:00 hours one episode of *1990* will be shown, the first of three episodes of a series broadcast only once by the BBC in the recent geological past of 1977. See next issue.

Please take note:

No items should be left unattended around the convention. Anything found will be removed to lost property at Ops.

Friday's Food

Friday Evolution food list at Connaught/Belvedere:

Hot dogs or sandwiches £ 1.50; chilli con carne or butterbean curry for £ 2.50; fish & chips or two chicken drumsticks for £ 3.50; desserts (like fruit salad, cheese cake, or chocolate truffles) for £ 1.50, with the main course £ 1.00; additionally there's pastries for £ 1.00 or an apple for 50p and tea, coffee or a can of soft drink for 50p.

Lathe of Heaven

Film at seven in County:

The spot that's been left blank in your readme at the Friday 19:00 slot is to be filled in with *The Lathe of Heaven* after the book by Le Guin; as a film that wasn't released in the U.K. before, and is extremely rare on video even in the U.S., it should be well worth your while to go see it **now**!

(info: Caroline Mullan)

Other life forms out there

You can upgrade your *Millenium* memberships at the *Millenium/ConFetti* desk in front of the dealer's room. Current *Millenium* yearly rate is £ 4.00 and it's now only 3 years away and getting closer every day. Come get your progress report as well.

ConFetti is this year's BeneluxCon in Scheveningen, the Netherlands; an attending membership is £ 24.00.

(info: Larry van der Putte & Jan van 't Ent)

Bill Stickers will be...

Do **not** stick notices onto wallpaper! Please only use BluTac to stick notices onto glass, wood, metal, or plastic surfaces around the hotel. (Anyone caught doing so will have to come in and redecorate the whole of the hotel on Tuesday morning - you have been warned!)

Food places

In the group of takeaways in Harlington (see the map on the back of the Read Me - what, you've lost it already?), there are a collection of food places (both takeaway and delivery) and a shop. The Read Me says that the takeaways shut at 8.00pm: this is not actually correct; at least one of them is open until midnight, this one is also a supermarket.

Quotes

"Poot!". It's much more intelligent than I thought it was" Caroline Mullan (talking about the Newsletter photocopier)

"Sorry, I just didn't see you." Gentleman (?) to Fran Dowd in the Wellington last night, apologising for having thrown some beer over Fran when he had meant to hit his friend.The ensuing laughter defused what could have been a very dodgy situation.

No sign-up for Workshops

Although the Read Me states that prior sign up is necessary in order to attend workshops, this is not the case. Just show up and participate at your whim. (Prog. Ops.)

Croatia Arrives

The Croatians have arrived in force - 44 of them to be precise. They will be holding an event on Sunday presenting their Worldcon bid for 1999.

BoSH tapes wanted

Nancy Shaw is looking for audio and/or video tape recordings of Bob Shaw, for herself and for the SF Oral History Association. At present they have only one item! Surely some of you Tech Ops people out there have recordings of his Serious Scientific Talks or some of his panels? Contact her via the Hotel Desk, or look for her in the Bar. After the con, contact her at: 695 Judd Road, Saline, MI 48176, USA or by email at nj@cyberspace.org

Programme Addition

Added to SF Journalism item Friday 7.00pm: Liz Holliday and Liz Robinson ('Mary O'Keefe).

First Aid

People needing First Aid should go to the hotel Concierge, there is no other substantial kit.

Evolution Evolves

The opening ceremony included the Intersection masquerade winners: Return of the Hunt. Otherwise, committee, staff, guests, were introduced. And please don't go swimming with your pints of beer...

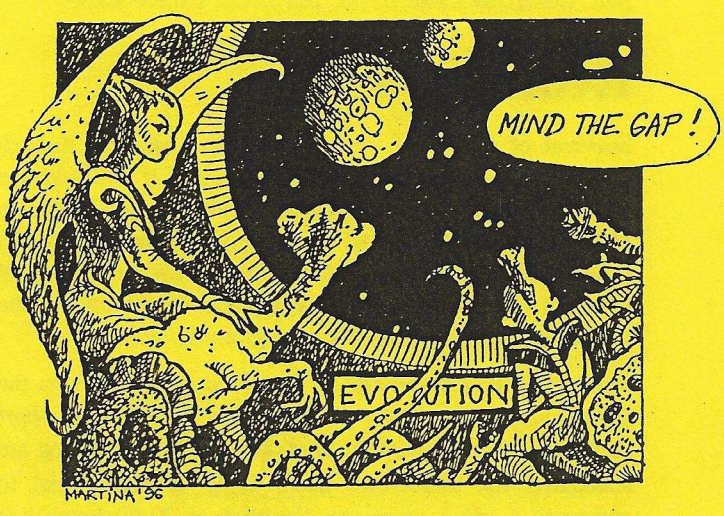
Incentives

Fill out your questionnaires and hand them in at registration - chances are that you may indeed actually win one of the promised books - word is that if you all hand in your questionnaires, one in eight will get a book. (And how many attendees should we knock over the head in order to ensure that we *all* get a book? Answers to this problem to be posted in the box...[ed.]).

Labyrinth

Well, how many of you have got completely lost by now, or perhaps I should ask, how many of you **haven't**? The Radisson Edwardian is trying for the prize of greatest number of lost fans at any convention. Have you found the dragon down in the cellars yet?

Perhaps the Games Room should set up a live action role playing game in which the object is to navigate your way around every corridor in the hotel, and get safely back. See you next year!



Thanks to...

Jann van 't Ent, Dave Lally, TPTB, Security, Caroline Mullan, Larry van der Putte, Barbara Jane, Programme Ops., James Steel, Martina Pilcerova and Nancy Shaw.

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Cambrian Explosion Issue

Who wanted those old Ediacarans anyway?

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Early Birds...

Dealers Room Special Opening

As you may have noticed, the walkways in the Dealers Room are very narrow.

The dealers have very kindly offered to open early on Saturday at 9:45 am to allow those who have difficulty in manouvering to browse in peace.

If you're in a wheelchair, on crutches, or simply have difficulty in walking, please come to the dealers room at 9:45, together with a helper if you wish.

Normal opening is delayed to 10:20 am on Saturday.

Tech Workshops

If you're interested in learning a few basics about Tech at conventions or would like a few more advanced hints then:

Saturday 10.00 am County: **Lighting and Pyrotechnics** and/or Sunday 10.00 am Richmond: **Sound and AV** would be the places to be. Everyone welcome.

A Book for BoSH

A Book of Condolences was opened for Bob Shaw, two weeks ago in Warrington, at the North West's celebration of his life and work. We have already collected a number of signatures and messages, and want to make it as complete as possible. All friends and fans at Evolution are asked to contribute. See either Henry or Cherry Newton.

Born today...

Robert Bloch born 5th April 1917

Roger Corman born 5th April 1926

* once you've worked out that the hotel is free to get in, but you have to pay to get out...

While You're in Town...

Food Fest*+, 'Garlic & Shots' in Frith St., near Ronnie Scott's Jazz Pub (nearest tube Tottenham Court Road - Central/Northern Line, or, at a pinch, Leicester Square, Piccadilly).

Only for serious lovers of garlic: Garlic beer, garlic vodka, garlic food, even garlic ice cream! The shots refer to the 78 different vodka cocktails... (Alastair Hepburn)

Größere Conventions

Größere deutsche Conventions

Alle deutsch-sprechende Fans sind eingeladen an einer informellen Diskussion teilzunehmen. Thema ist die Planung und Organisation größerer deutscher Conventions.

Ort: Kempton Room

Zeit: 19:00 Samstag

Bridget Wilkinson und Wilf James werden die Veranstaltung co-moderieren.

Audio Wiped

An apology from the Video Dept. (formerly the Video and Audio Dept.)

Due to a slight misunderstanding, my hope to broadcast all 8 episodes of *Earthsearch* (Stereo Audio) has had to be cancelled (as indeed have **all** AUDIO programme items). (Dave Lally)

Programme Changes

Saturday Windsor 17:00 **Science and SF - Do They Mix?**

Saturday Richmond 17:00 **Timebinding** is now **Monday Richmond 15:00**

Writers' Surgeries

If you have a confirmed place, please make sure that you leave your story at the registration desk as soon as possible (and before noon on Saturday at any event). Also put your name next to a time slot on the sheet at registration.

If your place was not confirmed, but you have a story with you, there may still be a space for you if you take it to registration ASAP, and follow instructions there.

More evolving beings...

Reunion 96

Jonathan Cowie has discovered that he will be 40 on October 4th. To mark this event he cordially invites all SF fans with whom he has worked on a project, convention, fanzine, etc. over the years. The venue will be in a private room in a pub near the Wellington by Waterloo Station. For details please write to Jonathan, 44 Brook Street, Erith, Kent DA8 1JQ.

Albacon 96

Return to the Central Hotel, Glasgow for 4 days packed with the best SF on the planet. Videos (including a *Babylon 5* blooper tape and preview), guest talks (with Ellison, Pratchett and Hardy), and everything, a mere £ 30 ain't all that much. Contact Albacon 96, Flat 1/2, 10 Atlas Road, Glasgow G21 4TE.

Worldcon in Zagreb 1999

Supporters, opposers and Friends (go get a flyer from their table in front of the dealer's room) are invited for a special Croation Worldcon video presentation and talk, Sunday 7 April, 12:00 hours in the video room.

Electrical Eggs is a fan-run U.S. organisation which aims to make SF conventions more accessible to disabled fans. Since the Glasgow Worldcon a British office has been set up, and your support is needed to get started. Contact Electrical Eggs (UK), Flat 1/2, 10 Atlas Road, Glasgow G21 4TE.

Lost Elaine

Would anyone who is, or who knows, Elaine Travers please contact Rob Meades this weekend.

Erratum

Nancy Shaw's email address: njt@cyberspace.org or bosh@cyberspace.org

+ famous footnote fetishist at work...

Video Premiere

''1990'' (1976) [W/IF]

BBC Executive William Greatorex was so incensed in the mid 1970s at the excessive heavy-handedness of the VAT Inspectors, he wrote this futuristic political thriller (starring Edward Woodward and Barbara Kellerman).

The U.K.'s Home Office is now the PCD (Public Control Dept), emigration is forbidden, and a journalist (played by Woodward) fights a battle against this authoritarian Big Brother Britain.

SHOWN ON BBC ONLY ONCE - NEVER RELEASED ON VIDEO

(Dave Lally)

Categories of Unperson

We notice that the official questionnaires multiple choice-question "What areas of conventions have you worked?" omits ***Newsletter...*** or indeed ***Publications...*** or indeed ***Committee!***

Signings and Portents

Place: the Royal Annexe, outside the dealers' room. Times:

Saturday, 19:00

Ken McLeod, Lisanne Norman, and Maggie Furey

Sunday, 15:00

Colin Greenland, Iain Banks, Iain M. Banks, someone else (possibly)

Dealers' Choice

"Seen *Blue Mars* yet?"

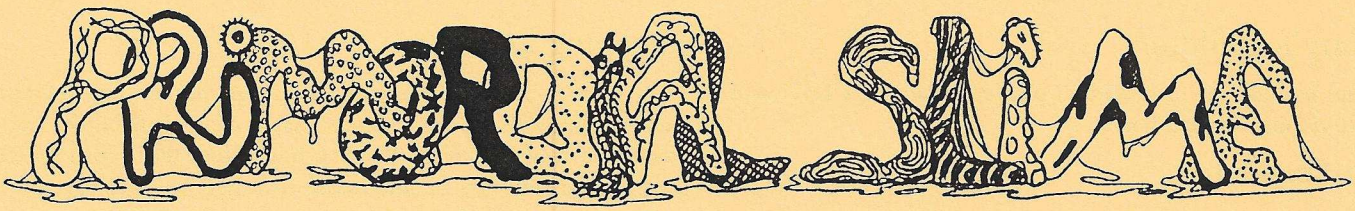
"Gordon Bennett. I thought Pepsi were ambitious repainting Concorde..."

E-mail mystery ad

Wanted: Continental male for occasional boyfriend, to help complete the set. Ectomorphic Computer Nerds preferred. Write Dept PTY, care of this newsletter.

(What can it mean?)

Newsflash! Pat has had an Epiphany in the bar at his own Eastercon. (C. Mullan)



Ordovician Issue

Graphics by Graptolites?

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Feet and the Person

The hotel wanted to decree that you die with your boots on, even in your own room. We've discussed the issue of bare feet with the hotel, and we've reached an agreement with which Chris Bell is happy. (The hotel's happy too, but not as happy as Chris...)

Bare feet are allowed everywhere except:

NEVER in the Brasserie Restaurant and Henley's Restaurant. You may display your naked appendages in the Connaught and Belvedere.

You may PASS THROUGH but not PASS OUT (or STOP) in the Lobby.

Henley's Drawing Room is complicated. Henley's Drawing Room is the way through to the Games Room. You may PASS THROUGH but again not PASS OUT in Henley's Drawing Room except between the hours of 18:00 to 22:00 (6PM to 10PM). During these hours the hotel will provide flip-flops, which must be worn in the Henley's Drawing Room during these hours, even when PASSING THROUGH.

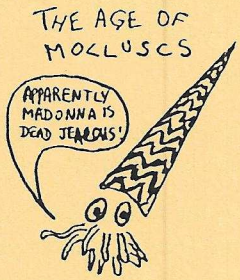
The serious point is that we will be Stewarding this agreement, but if you break this agreement you're on your own.

The Hotel did this odd thing because they were concerned about guests (you scruffy lot) being injured by broken glass and drawing pins. PLEASE BE CAREFUL. If you drop a glass, of course stay there until it's been cleaned away by the hotel staff, and please, we love you too, don't kill yourselves.

Video Plug

Jane Killick's *Starburst* video will be shown in the video room Saturday 16:00-17:00.

Lost And Found



Only two items remain unclaimed at Ops; contact them if you think they might be yours.

Dave Weddell borrowed 2 videos from... someone... at **Obliterate**. He would now like to return them. Problem is, he's forgotten who it was he borrowed them from. So, if it's you please come to Sue Mason's stall in the dealers room, tell her what the videos were, and if you're right she'll give them back to you!

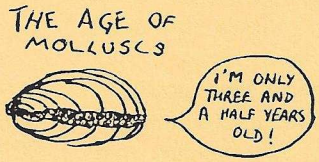
Programme Changes

Crawling apologies, got this one wrong last night (BJW). Saturday Windsor 17:00 Science and SF - Do They Mix? isn't hanging in limbo, it's moving to Saturday 21:00 (also in the Windsor).

Costumers Do It in the Wentworth!

Details of the full and varied Costume Programme are displayed on the door of the Wentworth and also at the bottom of the main stairs (for those who are too lazy to go up to the 4th floor).

Voodoo Evolution



Yes, there is a voodoo board out here! It's in the lobby next to registration.

Plane Truth

No paper plane contests in the pool area, please! (While they're flying it's probably OK, but but it's when they get d(r)owned that the problems start...)

Heidi Lyshol

Heidi is at home in Norway, regretting not being able to come to Eastercon. She is heavily and painfully pregnant, and would appreciate a friendly greeting.

Anyone wishing to sign her "Virtual Feel Well Soon Card" should come to the newsletter room and type their name in on our Get Well File. It'll be sent off to her by email tonight (Saturday), so come along soon.

Intuition

Intuition Quiz - very tough!. Available from our desk, return it by Sunday lunchtime. (I get lunch about 19:00, is that OK? [ed.])

Don't forget the **Intuition Tea Party** either, including a tea-tasting competition & prizes, 16:00 Saturday, in the Windsor. Please come and take tea with us.

INWO Players

Anyone interested is playing or swapping cards please contact Mike Cule (room 3075 or leave a note in the games room [or try the voodoo board of course]).

Delany's Children

Anyone looking for information, please contact Jack Davies or Robert via the Voodoo board.

Free Scandal

Dave Langford has copies of *Ansible 105* for anyone who wants it - just ask him...

Calling all Scots!

The Albacon Committee were unable to come to Evolution to promote their excellent Con (GoHs Harlan Ellison and Terry Pratchett). If you would like to help promote Albacon '96, please contact Wilf James.

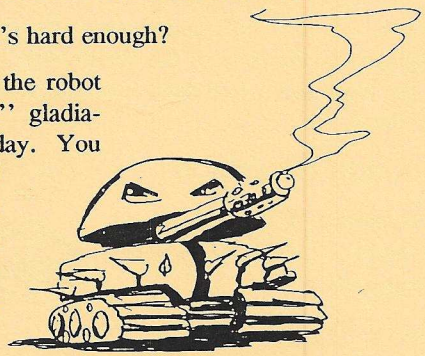
Deep in the Heart of England

The Texans are coming, the Texans are coming, the Texans are here! Stop by their table for information about LoneStarCon II, the 1997 Worldcon, and be sure to ask for details about **the party** Saturday night.

Beyond Thunderdome for ROBOTS!

So you think your robot's hard enough?

Contenders wanted for the robot "Evolution by Combat" gladiatorial games on Sunday. You don't have to build anything clever ... just vicious! More details to follow in later newsletters. Start building your Death Machine now!



Signing Sessions Move

These will now be held in the Lobby, not the Royal Annexe as previously announced. 19:00 tonight; Ken MacLeod, Lisanne Norman, Maggie Furey. 12:00 Sunday; Gill Alderman, Christopher Priest, Vernor Vinge. 15:00 Sunday; Iain Banks, Colin Greenland, Iain M Banks (no relation). Bryan Talbot will be signing books at the end of his GoH item (ie. 2-4 pm Saturday).

PAPA Meeting

12:00 Sunday, Room 2040. All welcome.

Filk at Last

There will be a filk mini-concert in the Filk Room (the awkward corner on level 4) from 21:00 this evening. Potential performers contact Anthony Hilbert through the Voodoo Board, or the Runesmith stall in the Dealers'Room.

The Clothes Show

Masquerade entrants - you need to register beforehand to enter. Forms available in the Costume Room (Wentworth, 4th floor) during the day, after that in the Green Room.

If you want a tech run-through, sign up in the Wentworth or Green Room (after 5pm) TODAY. If you don't sign up we can't guarantee rehearsal time.

A video of the masquerade from Costume Con VIII (1990) will be shown at 18:00 tonight.

Shopping in Hayes

Tech Ops & Security types be interested in a shop selling camouflage/Swiss Army knives, etc. Also handcuffs and disposable rubber gloves! Foodies might like the Indian food store. Large selection of interesting fruit and veg: guavas nice with cream cheese? Or try the raw sugar cane. (Don't forget to brush your teeth!)

Product Launch!

Evolution hotel breakfasts have seen the consumer testing of exciting new "Orange Juice LITE", from which all harmful additives like vitamins and flavour have been scientifically extracted. "It's like making love in a punt," several enthusiastic breakfasters commented. (Dave Langford)

But Who Wants to Repair Vegetables?

If you explore the drawers in your room, you may find a little box labelled Herbal Mending Kit. This is not some bizarre medicinal concoction, but a needle, assorted bits of thread, safety pins, and a couple of buttons. And you thought it was too late to enter the masquerade...

Newsocks?

Found in our newsletter box in the lobby yesterday evening... questionnaires from "unit #913" and Duncan McNair... and one sock. Hey guys, we want news, the down to earth facts, but all these private details from an anonymous survey are a bit much, and as for dirty laundry, well...

Liechtenstein in 1998?

A German committee is bidding for the 1998 Worldcon (Wot, it's too late? So what!). Heading the bid are EDE Wahnwitz and Juergen Marzipulami. The site is easily accessible from all four quarters of Switzerland and, even more important, **our** cheese has even bigger holes than the Dutch. Contact Big Cheese via the voodoo board.

Flash, Bang, Wallop!

Well, not quite, but the Tech Workshop presented by Claire Goodall (ably assisted by Andy Croft and the rest of tech) was interesting, educational and fun. Claire explained lighting with lanterns to give the best possible presentation of staged events. She made it plain that you don't have to be a High-Tech Wiz to be able to make a useful contribution to the Tech Ops crew. With Wilf James as model (\:-) the effects of different arrangements were demonstrated. They rounded off the workshop with spectacular sparkling rain, red fire and a lot of smoke. A fun item.

Quotes

From a mundane leaving the hotel on Friday: "I say, it looks like some sort of Hell's Angels meeting!"

Heard in the Newsroom: How about the table? No, **that** doesn't sit on my knee! // Is it out yet? No, but there are rumours about its private life. // Ask for Pat McMurray, Ops can call him up. Yes, they'll draw a pentacle on the floor of the Ops Room, and... // Sorry this edition is late, it's taken an age! // What's this article about Grocery Conventions? // 44 Croats? Sounds like a lot of Balkans to me!

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Devonian Soup

Just when you thought it was safe to get out of the water...

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Alien Sex - Live on Stage - update

SMS & Eira wish to thank everyone who asked after the SMS/Yorr pregnancy. Yes: Yorr is still pregnant and the embryonic Yorr/T'Grr's are developing distinctive fur-patterns.

Democracy for Dragons

Eira & SMS are delighted to announce that the coveted Phlosque Award is now open to **all** to vote. Just go along to the art show & nominate your favourite!

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

Robert Newman is to have a sponsored haircut, all proceeds to TAFF. We would mention that he's Simo's campaign manager, but then we'd have to take the piss out of Martin Tudor in the interest of balance.

Cool Stuff

Copies of Colin Greenland's **Harm's Way** are on sale at Registration for a mere £1! Go and buy a copy of this fun space-romp.

An A4 glossy poster of **Bryan Talbot**'s cover to the programme book has been printed, and is available from Registration. Please take one.

Copies of **Dr Jack Cohen**'s Novacon 20 Special Booklet entitled "Are you content in your context" along with the N20 programme book (featuring a profile of Jack by **James White**) are available for just £2 from the CRITICAL WAVE/ NOVACON table in the foyer of the County. Also available are the Specials and programme booklets from Novacon 23 (Stephen Baxter), 24 (Graham Joyce) and 25 (Brian Aldiss, Iain Banks, Harry Harrison and Bob Shaw) - all just £2 per set.

Evolution t-shirts are available from Registration. These are two Sue Mason designs, a fannish family tree t-shirt picturing a number of evolutionary descendents of the original fan, *Fannus fannus*, for £8, and the volunteer t-shirt (available to convention workers only) for £5 featuring a fish in the primordial soup (slime?[ed.]). Both are available in sizes L, XL, XXL.

Masquerade Rehearsal

Time change: it's now 8:00-11:00 am Sunday; sign up in Costuming (4th level).

Overheard in dealers room

Who is Vernor Vinge? He is the ex-husband of Joan Vinge, who wrote *The Snow Queen*.

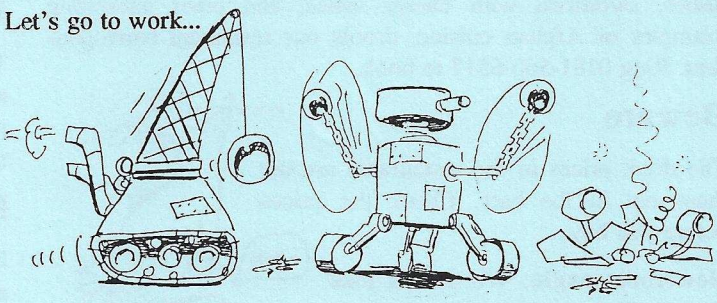
Beer With a Bang?

There is an amusing little off licence in the "buses only" part of town that also stocks a large selection of pyrotechnic devices (or a selection of large pyrotechnic devices, take your pick). Anyone seen Hugh and Dermot?

Reservoir Bots

Our robot can beat your robot any time it feels like it. We have five mean machines entered for Beyond Cyberdrome so far, but there's still room for more. Challenges take place on Sunday, at High Noon, in the area overlooking the pool. Potential entrants can contact SMS through the voodoo board.

Let's go to work...



Take Your Pic...

Pete Tyers, the official Intersection photographer, has unfeasable numbers of photographs on display at their table in the dealers' room. Prints may be ordered at reasonable rates (it says here).

Bidding Frenzy

Reconvene: Over Easter 1999 at the Britannia Adelphi in Liverpool some of the Sou'Wester crew are planning to do it all over again. Pre-support by sending £2 to 3 West Shrubbery, Redland, Bristol BS6 6SZ.

ConVenient: is a putative Eastercon bid for 1999, somewhere in the South East. "Anything's better than the bloody Adelphi again," says a tactful committee member.

Testostercon: a very serious bid for 1998 has just come in; don't let the ladies have it all their own way!

Octocon'96

The '96 Irish SF con will take place October 12-13 in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoire with Brian Stableford as their GoH. Current membership rates are £12 (going up to £16 as of May 1). Contact 30 South Circular Road, Dublin 8, Ireland.

Sheffield?

Anyone driving back to **Sheffield** on **Tuesday**, with room for 2 passengers, please contact **Alice Lawson** or **Fran Dowd** via the Intution desk. Thanks.

Egg Decorating Competition

We have had some entries for the egg decorating competition, more would be welcome. Decorated eggs should be put in the Art Show in the Ascot room before 12:00 noon on Sunday, after which time they will be judged. Prizes will be awarded at the Awards ceremony during the Masquerade. The egg-decorating workshop has been cancelled due to lack of a volunteer to run it.

(Bridget Hardcastle)

Live Frogger Workshop

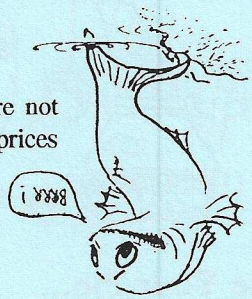
The courtesy bus from Heathrow is free, but it costs £2 to return. If, however, you are feeling **really** energetic you could always cross the road to the London Transport bus stop where buses cost 50p. Mind the traffic as you go...

Taxi Dermy: Taxi fares from here to Hayes are in the region of £9.00. Bus fares are 80p. You know it makes sense...

Afghan Found

The Silk Route in Thornway Road serves succulent lamb dishes, swordfish with cherry sauce, and other interesting examples of Afghan cuisine, drools our restaurant correspondent. Ring 0181-560-6517 to book.

Beware



The drink prices in the restaurants are not those out in the bars. Check the prices before you buy...

Newsroom angle: We need a joke about bait! I know there's a hook in there somewhere. (Alex)

Don't Throw Money, Just Clap

Mike Saunders and his film crew are showing their five minute promo reel for The Thaumaturgist's Dictionary in the Cheltenham, between 10:00 and 18:00 every day. Contrary to their flyer at Intersection, they're not after your money; just feedback. Come and support the next generation of British film-making talent, before they all get rich and decamp to Hollywood to make Sandra Bullock blockbusters.

USSG Comment

Following on a dispute about the serious political issue of bare feet, although they agree with the compromise reached, the USSG secret caucas have announced that after an extensive survey of their membership, all cadres should go barefoot "as a matter of conscience" (all defaulters are expected to report their reasons for dissent to Barbara-Jane).

Unaffiliated gophers are requested to take part as a courtesy measure... (is this *legal* under British union laws?... [ed.]).

Birthdays

6 April Sonya Dorman born 1924, Hurray, Hurray, Gytha North is 41 today! (Again?!)

Glittering Prizes

You still have time to fill in and return your survey *[it's one of the flyers in your goodie bag and it doesn't take long to answer the questions, honest].* You're supposed to hand it in at registration and get a raffle ticket in return. The deadline for the survey is 18:00 Sunday. The major prizes will be drawn during the Awards Ceremony (in the Masquerade interval) on Sunday evening.

The following books are available as prizes for filling in the questionnaire (yes, they're **desperate** to get you to fill one of these in... ed.).

Penguins: The Hallows - M. Scott; The Night Inside - N. Baker; Nightrider - S. Holligon; Heaven Sent - P Crowther. **Orbit**: Djin Rummy - T. Holt; Encyclopedia of SF - Clute & Nicholls; Wordsmiths of Wonder - S. Nicholls. **Pan**: A Rare Breed - B. Leech; Blue Shifting - E. Brown. **Macmillan**: The Reality Dysfunction - P. Hamilton; The Ruins of Ambra - M. Rawn. **Dorling Kindersley**: 3 copies of SF Illustrated Encyclopedia - J. Clute. **Victor Gollancz**: Alchemist - P. James; Mortal Remains - C. Evans; The Burning - P. Trewinnard; Sailing Bright Eternity - G. Benford; The Knights of Black Earth - Weis & Perrin; Furious Gulf - G. Benford; Fortress Manhattan - D. Callinan. **Hodder & Stoughton**: Rulers of Darkness - S. Sprull; Ember From the Sun - M. Canter. **Legend**: Citadel - P. Williamson. **Paper Tiger**: Horripilations - J.K Potter; Mytho-Poeikon - P. Woodruffe; Fantasy Art Techniques - B. Vallejo; Between Earth and the End of Time (CD-ROM Adventure). **Grollier**: SF Multimedia Encyclopedia (CD-ROM)

Doc Weir Award

The votes for the Doc Weir award for a 'good guy' in fandom should be posted into the ballot box at Registration by 16:00 Sunday.

Ken McIntyre Award

Entries are welcomed for the Ken McIntyre award. This is for a piece of art by a fan that has been published in the last year. Both the original and the published work must be displayed. If you're interested, take your work to the Art Show before 12:00 noon on Sunday. It is normal to nominate yourself if you're eligible, don't be too embarrassed to do so!

SF Poetry Circle

Convenes in Kempton (room 16), Sunday 19:00.

Alarmed by TV

When you get your morning alarm call, remember to turn off your television! Mike Westhead got back to bed at 2:30 last night and phoned reception to ask for a 7:30 alarm call.

The alarm came at 7:00. Kathy picked up the phone. It kept on ringing. She picked up the other phone. It still kept ringing... She stared at the TV. There was a picture on it indicating a wake up call, and it was making pathetic telephone noises. Mike finally picked up the remote control. The TV shut up. Moral: RTFM!

Mary Gentle sends her regrets & would much rather be having fun here than bronchitis at home.

PRIMORDIAL SLIME

Carboniferous Swamps

AKA Pennsylvanian, Mississipian, Westphalian...

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Intuition Wins

The vote at the 1998 Eastercon bid session was: Intuition 107, Testostercon 10, Holdover Decison 1, Abstentions 3. Attending membership is £25, buy it here or contact: Intuition, 43 Onslow Garden, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 9QH, UK. Intuition@smof.demon.co.uk

Masquerade

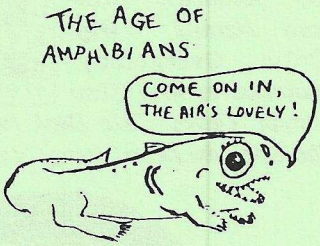
The Keats Room will be available for all Masquerade entrants from 18:00

Shoot'm Up: As usual, flash photography will NOT be allowed during the Masquerade. The photo-shoot will take place after the official parade. Masqueraders will then be invited back onto the stage, and photographers can flash from in front of the stage as long as they like. There's no need to book a space.

Costume Party: The costumers are throwing a party in the Wentworth, from 22:00 tonight. (Costumes optional, it says here - ooer, missus). They'd like to thank the committee for their generous donation of punch to keep things flowing.

Sign and Programme

Rob Holdstock and **Freda Warrington** will be having a signing session at 19:00 tonight, in the foyer.



Illustrated Anime at 17:00 Sunday will now be in the Video Room not the Windsor.

The Menace From Earth

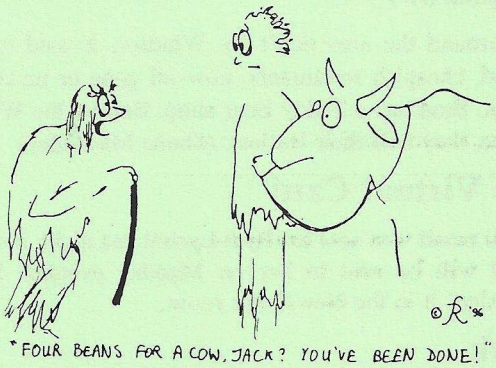
The winners of the 1995 SF Writers of the Earth Short Story contest are: 1st, *Hole in the Sky* by John McCabe; 2nd, *Port-de-Paris* by Dilip Agarwal; 3rd, *Forest Child* by S A Hilliard. Full judges' report and 1996 entry forms are available from Ops.

Never Twice the Same Format

A boater-wearing Mensa member found his superior mental skills taxed to the limit last night, when the video equipment malfunctioned for no readily apparent reason. After much scratching of heads among the technical experts there assembled, a member of the audience piped up helpfully: ''Wasn't the last tape NTSC?''

De Wraak van Ghu

Er zwerft een tweede conventiekrant rond, waarvan via slinkse kanalen inmiddels al een tweede editie is verschenen. Prima kwaliteit foto's, grappige artikelen en net als schijfwereldse apen of fabuleuze elanden de moeite waard om op te sporen.



"FOUR BEANS FOR A COW, JACK? YOU'VE BEEN DONE!"

White Noise

Tech would like to apologise for the interference on sound in the main hall. The source has been identified, but switching off the blind landing system at Heathrow is not an option.

Really!

Please don't play with ''Do not disturb" signs because if you do, people who mean it will be woken up. *[And if this happens to be Chris Bell, and she catches you after the fact...]*

Prizes Galore!

Last chance: hand in your surveys at registration before 16:00 Sunday. The main prizes will be drawn during the Masquerade interval; with another draw at 18:00 for the smaller prizes.

Poetry Corner

I met a traveller from an antique Con,
Who said ''Two vast and formless Programme Streams
Stand in the main hall. Near them, on the Stands
Half drunk, a shattered bid committee sits,
Whose vacant gaze and slackly drooling jaws
Show that last night's parties well these drunkards knew
That here remain slumping like lifeless things.
And on the flyers still these words appear;
''My name is mighty Illingworth, Smof of Smofs.
Look on my WSFS minutes and despair.''
Nothing beside remains. In every bar
The sane and prudent fans keep far away.

Registration

Registration closes 16:00 hours Sunday. Could the following people come to registration please for a nice surprise: #1012 Jay Kurst, #1017 Joe McNally, #1031 Niall Kosking.

There are a few Colin Greenland books left; this is your last chance to get *Harm's Way* for just £1. Also available for the asking: various glossy posters, PRs, magazines, etc. - all free!

Environs

5-star con restaurant: **Hayes Indian Tandoori** for food/friendly staff/value/ free parking nearby. **Watch out** for the man-eating chilis! (G. & A. Alderman, et al.)

The **Asha Tandoori** in Hayes has also been recommended for good service and reasonable prices. Medium size place with lassi by request. (A^3)

If driving around the area don't try Windsor, it used to have several good, cheapish restaurants, now all gone or under new management. Eton has a Teddy Bear shop. Beware the Windsor tourist office, they **sell** their leaflets. (Sheila MacAuley)

Heidi's Virtual Card

A Feel Well email was sent to Heidi Lyshol last night, a second virtual card will be sent to her on Monday evening. Please come and 'sign' it in the Newsletter room.

Ghu-Tak

Which official newsletter editor was seen xeroxing someone else's issue of The Wrath of Ghu, because there weren't enough copies in the newsroom to go around? Come on guys, we can take a joke; you'll get out alive if you drop some off, honest...

Why Don't Things Like This Ever Happen to Martin Tudor?

A desperate young lady accosted Simo last night, in a frantic attempt to get her hands on his SFX cap. Guess that's why they call 'em Gimmie Hats...

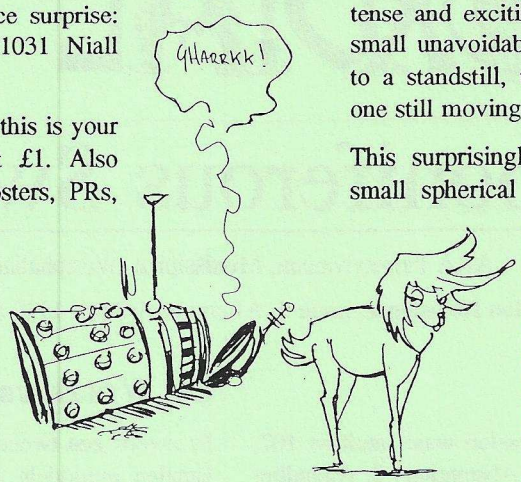
Be Vigilant!

Wilf James has lost a carrier bag, containing a copy of *Nemesis* with a personal dedication from Bryan Talbot. Anyone bringing it to the Newsletter office will earn his undying gratitude.

Burger Off

Desperate and hungry at 3 AM, a party of fans went next door to McDonalds; only to be refused service because it's a drive-through branch. Undaunted, they stood there making *Brum Brum* noises until the staff agreed to consider them honorary cars if they'd just take the burgers and go...

BumbleBot Won! (The rest nil)



The first annual Cyberdrome lubricant bath was fought to a tense and exciting conclusion at high Noon (plus a small unavoidable delay). Six cyberwarriors battled to a standstill, the eventual winner being the only one still moving at the end.

This surprisingly turned out to be *Bumblebot*, a small spherical object which bounced in random directions, easily outmanouvering its more sophisticated radio-controlled cousins. *One I Prepared Earlier*, a cardboard-and-rubber-band contraption armed with a mousetrap-powered spatula, staggered to a halt early on, shedding parts as it went. The surprise success was the *Phlosque* entry, which choked the *Road Worrier* when it tried to eat it. *Road Worrier* and *K4.5* fought each other to a literal standstill, being declared the joint runners-up, while the *Jelly-Mould Dalek* achieved the dubious distinction of being knocked over by everything except *Phlosque*. (Which, being unpowered, proved to be critically lacking in offensive capability.)

This was an excellent event, received with great enthusiasm by audience and tech crew alike. SMS and Ewok hope to run Cyberdrome '96 at InterVention; get designing now.

Crossword

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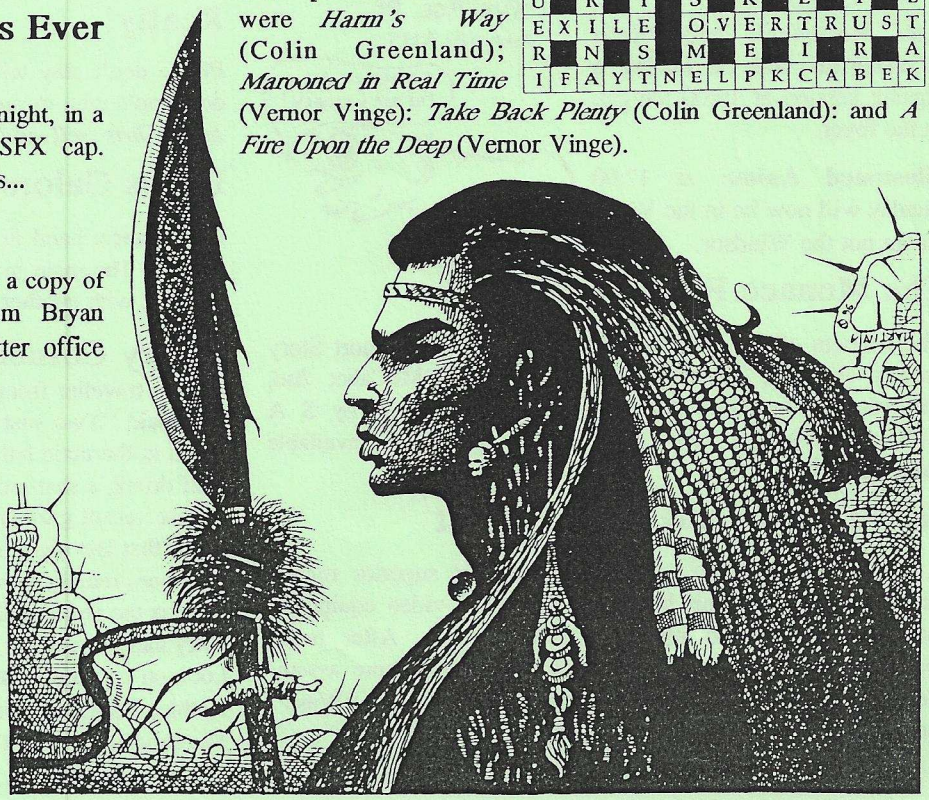
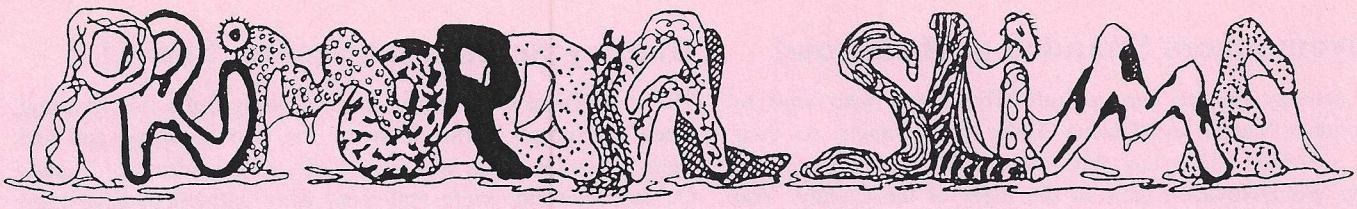
The Evolution Crossword competition sponsored by Forbidden Planet (PR3 & 4) was won by Roger Robinson who wins £30 of books from Forbidden Planet. The perimetric titles were *Harm's Way* (Colin Greenland); *Marooned in Real Time* (Vernor Vinge): *Take Back Plenty* (Colin Greenland): and *A Fire Upon the Deep* (Vernor Vinge).





Jurassic Lark

Eat the Kids! Eat the Kids!

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Fan Funds Auction

22:00 Sunday, Richmond Room, 3rd floor. Buy weird paraphernalia from the Americas! Plus t-shirts, books, fanzines, and all the usual mix of goodies. **Come** and shave Robert Newman's head for TAFF? (Pam Wells)

Party

The **Worldcon in Zagreb 1999** bid party is tonight at 22:00 in County, with games, contests and dancing.

Devolving Programme Schedule

Jack Cohen overran (well, what can you expect when redesigning human bodies) so the film overran (great, this is just like television) so Paul & Maureen's GoH interview overran (yah, when you get started talking about books...) and everyone waiting to get in for the *Fandom of the Opera* was asked to kindly remove themselves and continue their (loud? who, us? nah!) conversations in the lobby rather than in front of the County hall because it would take at least another twenty minutes...

Now fans ain't different from mundanes in that they flocked back the moment the doors opened again and continued to happily chat for a quarter of an hour waiting for 'Fandom' to get going. Whether it was worth it? Pity you have to ask - you should have been there! (Jan van 't Ent)

But Could They Get Michael Crawford?

Ian Sorensen would like to thank the audience of *Fandom of the Opera* for being so tolerant. Tapes, plus a copy of the script, are available from Ian at 7 Woodside Walk, Hamilton, ML3 7HY, or Ian@Soren.demon.co.uk. Good luck with stuffing the fiver into the disk drive...

Lit. Crit. Bit: "I've just been corrected on the spelling of the name of one of our great national poets by a Dutchman. I'll just have to step outside and kill myself."

Vote Early, Vote Often

Want to vote for TAFF? Can't find the administrator? Not even in the smoking bar? Now help is at hand. The totally reliable and unbiased **Critical Wave** team have some spare ballot forms on their table in the foyer of the County ~~already filled in~~. They'll even take your completed forms and pass them on to Abi for you. Nice to see fans prepared to help out with no hint of an ulterior motive...

Bob Shaw (1931-1996)

SFX magazine has obtained a previously unseen interview with Bob Shaw, recorded for (but not used by) a local radio station in May 1995. SFX's layout means that at least one picture of Bob is needed per page of text; they have some shots, but need more.

If you have any photos of Bob, from any stage of his career, please contact: MJ 'Simo' Simpson, SFX, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW, UK. email: c/o sfx@future.co.uk.

All pictures will be returned - **give your address on the back.**

Intuition

Intuition Tea-Tasting Prizes awarded as follows: 1st - Most Correct Answers (Dirk); 2nd - Most Pithy Description (Marion Pitman); 3rd - Most Completely Hatstand Answer (Rob Miller). Prizes may be collected from the **Intuition** con desk.

Tops and Tails: John Dallman and Julian Headlong have won the Intuition beginnings and endings quiz.

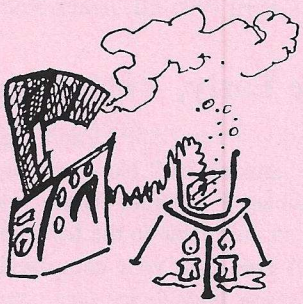
Honyemooners Stranded at Heathrow!

Well, actually they're here **voluntarily.** Those who wish to congratulate Martin and Helena Tudor (neé Gough) on their recent marriage (Thursday 4th April!) can find them at the Critical Wave/Novacon table in the foyer of the County. You could always buy something while you're at it...

The honeymooners are also looking for a **lift** back to Birmingham/Willenhall/the Midlands on Tuesday - see them at their table or contact them via the Voodoo board.

More Alarming News

This morning Mike got his wake up call by phone - in the **kids'** room. Only after the receiver had been picked up there did it ring in his own. How's that for morning exercise?



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Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the demise of K4.5. He finally logged off at 13:00 during open battery surgery. The cause of death was recorded as a 'Terminal (S.M.) short'.

Sliding Away

Jack Cohen entertained everyone with slides as he told us some of his life story. His paper on the relative activity of rabbit sperms may account for your unfertilized Easter Egg.

From Thamesian slime to splitting hairs, and zebra fish to heavyweight papers on feathers, he just breezed through his talk/speech/lecture on the evils of having hangups.

Barroom Blitz

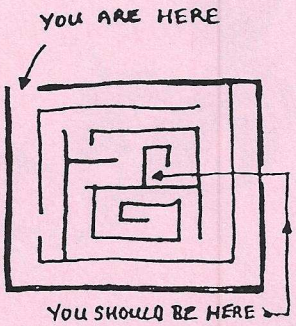
Alex Stewart and Marcus Rowland are wondering whether there are any other members of the Society of Fantasy and Science Fiction Wargamers on the premises. If so, and you fancy a drink and a chat about blowing things up for fun and profit, contact them via the Voodoo board.

French and Saunas

For those who have not yet found The Sauna - it's fresh, it's warm, it clears out the lungs. Outside you will find a refreshing frigidarium, otherwise known as welcomingly cold water. You can wash and go without taking any bottles into the showers, as shampoo and separate conditioners are supplied in internal dispensers. *C'est formidable!*

Reassure a Door

As you walk around the hotel you will notice signs warning you that some of the doors are alarmed. Please pat them gently as you pass, and whisper "There, there, that's all right.".



The Evolution Maze

Bidding Session Interesting Shock!

The atmosphere was electric in the County Suite this morning, when the masses gathered to see the two opposing con bids fight it out. One side was a host of scarlet-waistcoated ladies. On the other side were real men, who claimed to have more than the usual number of balls. **Testostercon** would not be for wimps, just real men and babes. The con would be held in tents on Salisbury Plain, so there would be none of this nonsense with corridors or rooms, and no prissyish insistence on mushrooms for breakfast, since attendees would be issued an antelope thigh bone and told to do it yourself on that live herd over there. Unfortunately, while the real men were in full flow, their partners arrived and chased them off. This left everyone in the right mood to listen to the Intuition ladies.

Some indication of how the audience felt about their bid came when there was a call for tellers; under the impression that the vote had begun, practically the entire audience raised their hands.

Intuition's Guests of Honour will be Connie Willis, Ian MacDonald and Martin Tudor.

Albacon '96

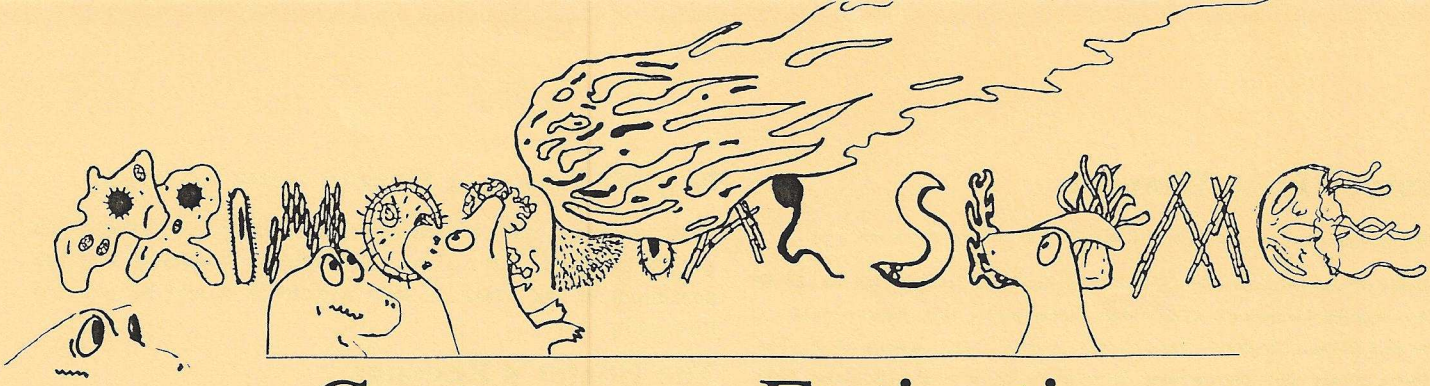
For those interested, the room rates at the Central Hotel are: Singles, doubles and twins - £22 per person per night; triples - £20 pppn; quads £18 pppn.

Child memberships are free for under fives and £15 for under sixteens. Adult membership is currently £30 rising to £35 on the door. For further details contact Albacon '96, Flat 1/2, 10 Atlas Road, Glasgow G21 4TE. See you there.

THE AGE OF DINOSAURS

We Name The Guilty!

Here's a complete list of all those who helped compile issues 2-6, squeezed out for lack of space. Cast in order of nervous collapse: Bridget Wilkinson, Jan van 't Ent, Alex Stewart, James Steel, Martina Pilcerova, SMS, Jay, Wilf James, Jenny Glover, Suzanna Raymond, and the rotating shade of Percy Bysshe Shelley.



Cretaceous Extinctions

Iridium Peak Mountaineering Issue

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The Curse of the Adelphi Strikes Early

The **Reconvene** cash box has been stolen, along with all receipts. If you have joined (be honest now... Chris has ways of finding out) please give your name, and cheque number if appropriate, to the **Reconvene** desk or on a piece of paper direct to Chris Bell, or send your receipt to her later.

If you paid by cheque, you are strongly advised to cancel it at once. The perpetrators appear to be a team of two, one of whom distracted the person on the desk; if you have any cause for concern, please contact security at once. (G.Stratmann)

A wallet has also been stolen. **Be Careful of Your Belongings!** (TPTB)

Masquerade Results

Best in Show: *When the Bat's Away the Brides Will Play* - FanTom, Marisa, Lyn Boyle, Janet Johnston, Mikki Denis, Wulfric. **Best Performance**: *Arcane Duel* - Marina Grskovic, Ana Simicic. **Best Chaos Costume**: *Good Queen Bess, of the Space Rangers* - Jack Davies. **Best Novice**: *Psycho Sisters, Harliquinn & Poison Ivy* - Annette Kirk, Monika Simon. **Best Workmanship**: *12th Century Warrior* - Igor Tabak. **Most Ecologically Sound**: *Rainbow Warrior* - Rachel Bell. **Most Prophetic**: *Fan of the Future* - Peter Westhead.
Could all masqueraders please come pick up their stuff from Costuming? (Alice Lawson)

Art Show Results.

It's a secret. If they wanted you to know, they'd have told us. We know Martina won the Phlosque, though, 'cause she's one of us. (ed.)

Awards in Full.

BoSFA, delayed owing to technical hitch.
Eastercon, cancelled, due to a total absence of nominations.
Ken McKintyre, cancelled, another total lack of nominations.
Doc Weir: Won by **Mark Plummer** (Pools Panel Result).

The Lost Unicorn

Famous Phlosque-winning newsletter staffer Martina Pilcerova was surprised to find a discarded doodle appearing on the front of Issue 6. We'll take fillos on anything; scrap paper, cheques, Joseph Nicholas...

Lost: plastic watch dial cover. If found, please leave at reception for 'Jane Killick'.

Batty?

Walrus? Penguin? Duck Billed Platypus? No!!! WOMBAT!!!!! It is officially announced that 1997 is the Year of the Wombat. (The Chinese are wrong). Celebrate in style at the Bestwood Lodge Hotel, Nottingham, 23-26 May 1997, for a weekend of fun, frolics and fermented liquor. Contact: Year of the Wombat, 22 The City, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2ED.

Real Spaceships Go *Whoosh!*

Prof. Lawrence Krauss will give a lecture on 'The Physics of Star Trek' for the Birmingham SF Group at the Prince Hotel, Station Street on Wednesday May 8, 19:45. For advance tickets (£3.75 for non-members) contact: Martin Tudor, 24 Ravensbourne Grove, Willenhall WV13 1HX.
Next week, Simo presents the microbiology of the X-Files...

Fandom Is a Herd of Sheep.

Manny, the head bar honcho says so. Apparently sheep where he comes from are peaceable creatures; productive, fertile and untroublesome. (He definitely isn't Welsh, or Cumbrian...) We gather this means that he likes us. All together now, head for the Baaaaaahhhh.

Magician's Taste Refined

At the auction this morning there was a conspicuous lack of enthusiasm for a lot consisting of L. Ron Hubbard blockbusters, until a voice from the back called out "It's Chris O'Shea's birthday today!" A plate was passed for donations, raising far more than anyone in their right minds would have paid. The phenomenon was repeated when a pile of Perry Rhodans came up. Enjoy yourself, Chris; you deserve it.

Survey Prize Winners

Thanks to everyone who returned their surveys. The major prizewinners were:

Grolier SF Encyclopedia Mac CD-ROM - Marion Naomi (ticket 448); *Grolier SF Encyclopedia Windows CD-ROM* - Maja Retineo (ticket 448); *Between Earth and the End of Time CD-ROM* - Chris Cooper (ticket 63); *Encyclopedia of SF* - Tim Morley (ticket 49); *Illustratrated Encyclopedia of SF* - Denzil (ticket 500); *Illustrated Encyclopedia of SF* - Sue Romero (ticket 32); *Illustrated Encyclopedia of SF* - Andrew Norcross (ticket 58); P.F Hamilton: *Reality: Dysfunction* - Neville Taylor (ticket 30); Greg Benford: *Sailing Bright Eternity* - Penny Hill (ticket 346); P James: *Alchemist* - Barry Traish (ticket 381) T Holt: *Djinn Rummy* - Chanel Delessert (ticket 51); Chris Evans: *Mortal Remains* - Tara Dowling-Hussey (ticket 382); BSFA membership - 1/2 Cruttenden (ticket 465); Intuition membership - Andrew Wells (ticket 488).

Several other prizes were also drawn. Would the following please contact the Intuition desk in the Dealers' Room to get their prize: Simon Bisson; Stephen Rothman; Alex McClintock; Nives Perek; Kirill Pleshk, Rod O'Hanlon, Dr Bob, Jackie Burns, Mark Bailey, Robert Jukic, Meredith MacCardie, Silas Potts, ? Cowen (#116), Narkill (#470), Austin, Steven Cain, and tickets #319, 320 and 354. Please will all prize winners collect their prizes because Dave Power doesn't really want to have to behave like a multi-prize winner and take the whole lot home with him, and his car doesn't want the extra weight either.

Intuition Heads and Tails Answers

The answers of this quiz which was handed out from the Intuition desk are: 1. *White Queen* by Gwyneth Jones; 2. *The Man who folded himself* by David Gerrold; 3. *The Genocidal Healer* by James White; 4. *The Architecture of Desire* by Mary Gentle; 5. *Golem* by Alfred Bester; 6. *The Jaguar Hunter* by Lucius Shepard; 7. *The Ship that sailed the time stream* by G.C. Edmondson; 8. *On Stranger Tides* by Tim Powers; 9. *The City and the Stars* by Arthur C Clarke; 10. *exile* by Michael P Kube-McDowell; 11. *The City in the Autumn Stars* by Michael Moorcock; 12. *Synners* by Pat Cadigan; 13. *The Patchwork Girl* by Larry Niven; 14. *Beggars in Spain* by Nancy Kress; 15. *There will be Time* by Poul Anderson; 16. *The Land Beyond* by Gill Alderman; 17. *Down and Out in the Year 2000* (short story) by Kim Stanley Robinson; 18. *The Pastel City* by M John Harrison; 19. *Neuromancer* by William Gibson; 20. *Life in the West* by Brian Aldiss

Friends of Foundation

The FOF raffle prizes were allocated thus: *Illustrated SF Encyclopedia*: John Philpott; signed *Arthur C. Clarke Honorary Degree Award Programme*: Hans Ulrich Boettecher; *Intervention Membership*: Mike Allum; *Bottle of Wine*: Mike Cheater; *Intersection t-shirts*: Larry van der Putte & Fred Duarte; *Thorntons Chocolate Rabbits*: Gerry Webb & Sue Mason. The raffle raised £145, FOF would like to thank all who participated. All prize winners should contact Phil Plumbly via the Intervention table.

Sour Gripes

Hotel Gripes: static causing shocks and sparks - courtesy bus - shortage of sweet cider - real ale ran out - rashes from jacuzzi - vegetarian meals no variety - cheap meals - same menu all day - staff knowledge of English - staff not aware of infirm people's needs - hall costumers harrassed by staff (apologies made, corrections where possible, and fill in hotel comment cards). **Con Committee Gripes:** room allocation, scientific v. literary - getting locked rooms open in time - delays in getting OHPs (delivered to wrong places) - signing sessions not at right time or place (tables occupied by Croations and others) - soft Voodoo Board needed - informing absent members about next con - (Data Protection Act) - Gripe Session too early. **Bouquets to hotel and committee** for overall way the con has been run.

No, Mr Power, I Expect You To Die...

After suffering the considerable misfortune of having his glasses smashed, Dave Power unwittingly wandered into the newsroom to ask when the next newsletter would be out. No flowers by request.

The Boater's Revenge

Following the potentially libellous article in issue 5, the Man in the Hat asked a member of the newsletter team for both versions of the next issue; NTSC and PAL...

Infamy, Infamy...

When Harry Payne stopped at the Reconvene desk to reregister, he was told to go away again, as "we knew *you'd* registered." // Overheard at 4:20 am: Kari's crashed. - Will she be rebooted in the morning? // They auctioned some Scum - I thought of you. (Alison Scott)

Opportunism Knocks!

A moments' sympathy please for the party of seven from Dublin, whose flight suffered massive delays; they arrived at around 15:15, to find the registration desk closed, and the Con winding down around them. Undaunted, Geoff Hill guided them to the InterVentiuon table instead...

PUFF

The Fan Fund auction raised £422.09 from the sale of goods and Robert Newman's haircut. Proceeds go to the United Fan Funds (divided between TAFF, GUFF, Fans Across the World, etc.). Contact Greg Pickersgill for info on UFF, Abigail Frost for TAFF and Bridget Wilkinson for FAtW. (Catherine McAuley).

Thanks!

Many thanks to Gordon Brignal and Simon Bradshaw for lending us their Pentium computers and a printer for the Newsletter. Er., we'll try to remember to clear Gem off before we leave...

In Memorium Bob Shaw